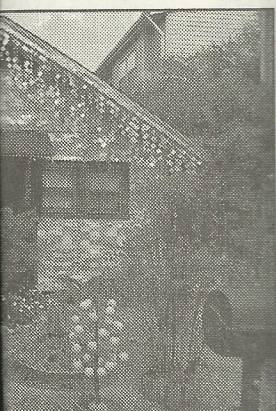


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ce to the beer can house,
owner John Milkovisch cov-
with siding made of cut and
is made from the lids. Pat

decorating the home's exte-
rior in earnest in 1968,
then he purchased a metal
canopy for his backyard so
he and his wife could have
some shade while drinking
their afternoon beers. Fed
up with lawn-mowing, he
began installing concrete
blocks throughout the
yard, embedding them
with marbles he had col-
lected as a boy.

Then, he moved on to
the side and the front,
using long-collected mate-
rials and gathering dis-
carded items from the
railroad track nearby,
where he worked as an up-
holsterer refurbishing rail
cars. Lugging home the
things he wanted in a
trachel or a wheelbarrow
he inherited from his fa-
ther, Milkovisch would
spend a few hours each
day outside, where his
wife — who barred him
from doing too much to
the interior — had given
him free rein.

"He used cans, bot-

DNR seeks comments on area lakes

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If you'd like to offer your opinion on how several Duluth-area lakes will be managed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, you have until Sept. 6.

The Duluth area DNR fisheries office is updating plans for Fish Lake, Park Lake, Schultz Lake and Little Stone (Stump) Lake. You can review current plans for lakes at the DNR's area fisheries office, 5351 N. Shore Drive in Duluth. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or call (218) 525-0853 or e-mail Pam Hetland at pam.hetland@state.mn.us to request a copy of a plan or submit comments on a plan.

DNR to allow river modification

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has agreed to a request by the Lake Superior Steelhead Association to modify the Second Falls area on the Knife River, said Don Schreiner, DNR Lake Superior area fisheries supervisor. The club has wanted to create a deeper pool below the falls so steelhead (rainbow trout) have a better chance to leap the falls on their spring spawning run. The DNR had initially opposed the idea. The agency has agreed to allow the placement of large boulders just downstream of the falls to create a deeper pool. The work will be paid for by the steelhead association with a Legacy Fund grant, Schreiner said. No date has been set for the work. The DNR will design and oversee the project, Schreiner said.

Haying allowed on some WMAs

A shortage of hay for livestock has prompted state wildlife managers to offer emergency haying on some state wildlife management areas, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The state has identified 922 acres on 43 wildlife management areas in 22 Minnesota counties where emergency haying may occur.

"Haying opportunities on state wildlife management areas will only occur where habitat enhancement plans already are in place to disturb grasslands

through burning, mowing or grazing," said Bob Welsh, DNR wildlife habitat program manager, in a statement.

The hay shortage is due to winter kill of alfalfa and the late spring, DNR officials said. The conservation grazing opportunities are located throughout Minnesota. Identified sites include areas in need of prescribed fire where burns were not accomplished; areas where haying or mowing can be done sooner than originally planned; and areas where haying can replace or enhance other planned grassland disturbances such as mowing or grazing.

Only Minnesota livestock producers who need forage for their own livestock are eligible to cut hay on WMAs. Counties with potential sites include Blue Earth, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Faribault, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Jackson, Kittson, Le Sueur, Marshall, Martin, McLeod, Mille Lacs, Nicollet, Olmsted, Otter Tail, Roseau, Sibley, Wabasha, Wilkin and Winona.

Availability of haying opportunities was delayed to August to get beyond the peak wildlife nesting season.

Bike trails under construction

After five years of planning, crews have begun to create the first few miles of the Duluth Traverse, a cross-city, single-track trail that will be open to non-motorized use, according to COGGS (Cyclists of Gitchee Gumee Shores). Three sections will be built this summer:

- Construction of a 1.5-mile trail in Brewer Park began more than two weeks ago. The trail will connect to the Piedmont mountain-biking trail. A COGGS "machine crew" is building the trail. When finished, another three-mile intermediate trail will be built in Brewer Park.

- Starting Monday, a crew from Progressive Trail Design will build the eastern terminus of the Duluth Traverse, a 3.5-mile trail along the Lester River.

- Starting possibly in early September, after the Lester River trail is finished, Progressive Trail Design will begin construction of a six-mile loop in Mission Creek. The loop will start from Chambers Grove. Part of it will be the Duluth Traverse trail and part will be a "flow trail" 2.5 miles long with 350 feet of descent.